GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAL GASIFICATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether is Government is planning to promote underground coal gasification, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether the Government is allowing global explorers to sell the gas from their operations at market prices besides allowing them a seven year tax holiday along with a slew of financial incentives , if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the manner in which the Government would ensure fair play and transparency in this process; and

(d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): With a view to developing Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) potential in our country for energy production, Govt. has notified UCG as one of the end uses under captive coal mining policy.

Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) have been advised to identify coal and lignite blocks for block allocation to develop the UCG through competitive bidding.

Further, need for a policy for development of Underground Coal Gasification from unexplored coal and lignite bearing areas in the country has been assessed. The policy has not been finalized.